

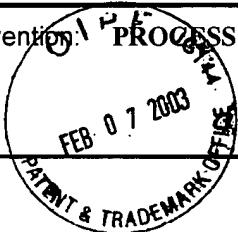
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AMENDMENT

Responsive to the Office Action of December 17, 2002, please enter the following amendments and remarks. Please amend the application as follows.

CLAIMS WITH CHANGES

5. (Twice Amended) The process for filtering a slurry to remove undesirably large particles from said slurry which comprises passing a slurry through an inlet to a filtration cartridge, through a conduit positioned within a filtration cartridge comprising the conduit, a housing, a depth filter positioned within said housing and an outlet and from said conduit through said depth filter, said cartridge being free of an open void volume which causes separation of particles from said slurry upstream of a top surface of said depth filter in contact with said slurry, said depth filter comprising depth filter segments separated by annular spacers and recovering a filtered slurry which has passed through said depth filter from said outlet of said filtration cartridge.

REMARKS

Claims 5-9 have been rejected under 35 USC 112 for use of the phrase "said cartridge being free of an open void volume upstream of said depth filter". This phrase has been amended to state that no open volume is present upstream of

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